

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3152)

A Concurrent Resolution providing for the formation of a committee by the Legislative Council to conduct a review of the school finance formula.

WHEREAS, the school finance formula contained in Iowa Code chapter 257 is subject to legislative review at least every five years pursuant to statutory requirements contained in Iowa Code section 257.1, subsection 4; and

WHEREAS, the statute provides that the review shall be based upon a school finance formula status report containing the recommendations of a legislative interim committee, to be prepared with the assistance of the Department of Education, in association with the Department of Management and the Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, the statute also provides that the report shall include recommendations for school finance formula changes or revisions based upon demographic changes, enrollment trends, and property tax valuation fluctuations observed during the preceding five-year interval; an analysis of the operation of the school finance formula during the preceding five-year interval; and a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for their resolution; and

WHEREAS, the first such report is required to be submitted to the General Assembly no later than

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1 January 1, 2005, with subsequent reports developed and
2 submitted by January 1 at least every fifth year; NOW
3 THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Legislative
6 Council is requested to appoint an interim committee
7 to conduct a review of the school finance formula and
8 submit a school finance formula status report, in
9 compliance with Iowa Code section 257.1, subsection 4.
10 In addition to the subject areas specified for review
11 pursuant to statute, the study may also include
12 consideration of methods for achieving increased
13 efficiencies in school operations. The interim
14 committee shall be composed of 10 voting members,
15 representing both political parties and both houses of
16 the General Assembly. Five members shall be members
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18 Majority Leader of the Senate and two of whom shall be
19 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate. Five
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23 and two of whom shall be of the minority party.
24 Nonvoting members shall be appointed by the
25 Legislative Council, in consultation with the
26 Departments of Education, Management, and Revenue, and
27 may include, but not be limited to, superintendents
28 representing four local school districts from across
29 the state, representatives from the various education
30 organizations and associations, representatives from

1 the area education agencies and community colleges,
2 and members of the general public. The temporary
3 cochairpersons of the interim committee shall be the
4 chairpersons of the Senate and House Committees on
5 Education; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee
7 shall be staffed by the Legislative Services Agency,
8 with the assistance of the Departments of Education,
9 Management, and Revenue, and shall conduct its
10 deliberations during the 2004 Legislative Interim.
11 The interim committee shall submit its report to the
12 General Assembly no later than January 1, 2005.

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